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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Project OXCART Surfacing of XRF

1. On 24 February from 1400 to 1445 hours I briefed [redacted] the FBI Liaison man to the Agency on the possible Presidential release of information with regard to the XRF (or whatever version may finally be surfaced).

2. The purpose of the briefing was

a. to have him inform OXCART-cleared officials at Bureau headquarters as a courtesy,

b. to advise him that we strongly urged that no communications should ensue as a result of this information, and

c. to obtain the Bureau's approval for [redacted] to verbally contact the FBI Special Agent-in-Charge at [redacted] informing him that arrangements to contact him in this manner had been approved at Bureau headquarters and that Bureau headquarters was aware of the information. [redacted] should also inform the [redacted] that it is our desire that no communications be made regarding this information.

3. I informed [redacted] that the whole picture is changing by the hour, but I briefed him in essence as follows. Some time in the near future, the President may issue a statement acknowledging the existence of an advanced aircraft possibly to be designated the XRF which is far superior to any other aircraft in the world today. Attribution would be made to no specific Government Agency or Department. The aircraft has flown at Mach 3 and has been tested since the spring of 1962. All other details regarding the aircraft's performance in the interest of national security will remain strictly classified.

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25X1A 4. I also informed [] that currently the individual responsible for answering questions by the press is Mr. Pierre Salinger. I informed him also that the Presidential release is subject to many changes depending upon meetings which are occurring at the present time which could have a bearing upon the ultimate release of information. I told him that the Agency's position is that its primary interest is in protecting the OXCART vehicle and its mission. I also told him that all "O"-cleared people in the Government and in industry are being contacted and advised that the absolute security requirements regarding the complete holddown on all information pertaining to Project OXCART remain in effect.

25X1A 5. [] was very appreciative of the briefing, and he advised that he would immediately verbally brief his supervisor, [] Assistant Director, FBI, who in turn would brief Mr. J. Edgar Hoover. [] assured me that there would be no Bureau communications on the subject and that everything at the headquarters level would be verbal. He also approved our proposal to verbally brief [] FBI, and tell him the same thing.

25X1A 6. I supplied [] with a list of names of Bureau officials, sixteen in number, who possess the OXCART clearance.

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